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- 11. (C) The Qatari Ministry of Foreign Affairs informed the Embassy via diplomatic note on October 25 that the GOQ examined the list of Iranian entities and individuals listed in the annexes to UNSC resolutions 1737 and 1747 and found "no accounts or financial transactions with the individuals and entities." (Note: Post had passed a partial list of individuals and entities to the MFA on July 12 as part of reftel demarche). The diplomatic note included copies of letters from the Qatar Central Bank to the MFA which noted the following (unofficial embassy translation):
- -- From a letter dated February 26, 2007: "Within the framework of implementing item 12 of (UNSC 1737), the (Qatar Central) Bank has issued instructions to all the financial entities working in the State of Qatar to freeze the balances, accounts and financial assets belonging to the individuals and entities designated by the UNSC resolution. These financial bodies have informed the Bank that there are no accounts or financial transactions related to these designated individuals and entities. The financial bodies continue their precautionary actions to avoid dealing with the entities and individuals designated by the UNSC in the future."
- -- From a letter dated June 14, 2007: "The banks working in the State of Qatar have informed the (Qatar Central) Bank that there are no accounts or financial transactions related to these designated individuals and entities (under UNSC resolution 1747). The Commercial Bank has stated that they have contracts, for development purposes, with the Islamic Republic of Iran which are signed with establishments not designated by the UNSC resolution 1747."
- -- From a letter dated September 27, 2007: "The Bank has issued instructions to all the financial entities working in the country that it is completely prohibited to carry out any financial transaction with the entities and individuals designated under the two UNSC resolutions regarding Iran. Until now, the bank has received nothing saying that such transactions have taken place."